



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Eran Dvir, Moshe Finarov, Eli Haimovich, and Benjamin Shulman

Assignee: Nova Measuring Instrument, Ltd.

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POLISHING

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Washington, D. C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 3, 1997, kindly amend the above  
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, line 16, kindly delete "or water".

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 14 and 16.